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In re application of: Kunst and Clemens

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 6, 2003, with respect to the above-referenced application. The period of time for responding to the Office action was set to expire on November 6, 2003. Applicants petition herewith for a one-month extension of time; this response is accompanied by the appropriate fee. A response is therefore due no later than **December 8, 2003** (because December 6, 2003, falls on a Saturday). If the Commissioner determines that additional fees are necessary to file this response, deposit account authority is provided on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Applicants have considered each of the rejections raised and offer the following amendments and remarks in response. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2 of this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this response.

An Appendix including an Abstract on a separate page is attached at the end of this document.

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